

Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner and his supervisor for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative, Larry T. Cullen during an interview on July 12, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant discussed the claimed invention and the McGregor reference. Applicant explained that the McGregor reference does not disclose at least the claimed limitation of "including in the IPMP packet instructions for a recipient ... to insert any additional data desired by the recipient in the IPMP packet when forwarding the IPMP packet," as recited by at least independent claim 1 and substantially required by independent claims 6 and 11. It is Applicant's understanding that the Examiner and his supervisor agreed that McGregor does not disclose such claimed feature.

Accordingly, as McGregor does not disclose each and every limitation of any of independent claims 1, 6 or 11, McGregor does not anticipate any of independent claims 1, 6 or 11. Likewise, McGregor does not anticipate claims 2-5 which depend on claim 1, claims 7-10 which depend on claim 6, nor claims 12-15 which depend on claim 11. Hence, it is Applicant's understanding that the rejection on McGregor will be withdrawn and no further response is believed to be necessary.

Having fully responded to the Office action, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues arise that prevent early allowance of the above application, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve such issues.

To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response, Applicant hereby request such extension and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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